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Reference: Staff Dr. VIRKING & BECHT.

1) von KONTOLSKIN describes VIRKING as having been introduced into Amt VI by SCHILLER in December 1941, in order to collect, collate and memorize all information as to act as a "walking" bookkeeper on intelligence matters. SCHILLER himself says that every 2 or 3 weeks all important political reports were summarized by Dr. VIRKING and that these were called "BECHT reports".

2) It is fair to infer from these two facts that the characters referred to in PAIR (ISTOO) as BECHT is VIRKING. These PAIR references show that VIRKING received reports from the Amt VI/III representatives in Sweden, and suggest that he acted as broker between the Auswärtiges Amt and the R.I.M.A. in the matter of the relationship of their respective officials in Sweden. It seems too, that VIRKING took part in discussions concerning the future activity of Amt VI/III in Sweden, after the closing down of the old KSM station which had been run by Oberst, TÄGER, and that he had reached definite conclusions on this question which he had formulated into a report by the end of March 1945.

3) KRAUER's interrogation shows that all political intelligence which he obtained was prefixed BECHT when sent by T/P to Berlin. He does not equate this cover name with Dr. VIRKING who he says "had nothing to do with the Abwehr". It is not clear from this whether KRAUER includes Amt VI when he uses the term Abwehr. If he does, then he is wrong about VIRKING consciously or unconsciously; if he does not, then he is clearly quibbling. Either way VIRKING will know of KRAUER (and may supply information about him) and of reports sent by him.

4) VIRKING is also mentioned by name in PAIR. Once in October 1941 he was the recipient of a telegram from KSM Spain on propaganda matters; on another occasion the head of KSM Spain (Oberstltm. KLEINER) asked him to supply political questionnaires. (See 2/1 28, 744, and 26, 145.) Full traces should be available in Section V (L).

5) These points indicate that VIRKING will be able to supply useful background information on the work of Amt VI/III in Sweden and Spain during the last six months of the war, and that he may also be able to elaborate our knowledge of such future plans as had been considered for those countries.

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